

Public Information Statement
National Weather Service Albany, NY
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The National Weather Service (NWS) Albany, NY has declared March 15 through March 19 as Flood Safety Awareness Week. Each day during the awareness week will feature information about a different flood related topic. Follow us on Twitter for safety and preparedness messages throughout the week.

<https://twitter.com/NWSAlbany>

Flooding can occur during any time of the year. Sometimes floods develop slowly and forecasters can anticipate where a flood will happen days or weeks before it occurs. Oftentimes flash floods can occur within minutes and sometimes without any sign of rain. Being prepared can save your life and give you peace of mind.

Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to plan in advance. How will you get to a safe place? How will you contact one another? How and where will you get back together? What will you do in different situations? To find out how, visit ready.gov/make-a-plan

Understanding your flood risk and preparing in advance will help give you peace of mind. Through our partners at FEMA, you can find out if you live in a flood plain at <https://msc.fema.gov> and learn why you should consider buying flood insurance to protect your property at <https://floodsmart.gov>

Learn more at <https://www.weather.gov/safety/flood-before>

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